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Jane Henney, M.D., Commissioner U.S. Food and Drug Administration 5600 Fishers Lane Rockville, MD 20857

Dear Doctor Henney:

I am writing to ask that you approve a petition concerning sugar labeling that was submitted to the FDA in August. This petition requests the FDA to establish a "Daily Value" for refined/added sugars, and that food labels declare the amount of grams and the percentage of the Daily Value of added sugars.

Approval of the sugar-labeling petition would make it easier for consumers and patients to tell how much added sugars are in prepared foods and would hopefully contribute to a reduction in the present epidemic of obesity and its associated illnesses.

Sincerely yours,

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